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WE WISH YOU A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS . . . AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

The beauty of Christmas touches the eye. The red holly berries sparkle against their shiny green background. A blanket of snow covers the earth and the calm darkness of Christmas Eve is brightened by the dancing of moonbeams across the glistening white surface. The candle burns in the window — a symbol of warmth and hospitality.

The beauty of Christmas touches the ear. The gay carols bring a smile to the face and a lilt to the step. The beautiful hymns and anthems move upon the spirit and stir the mind. The music of no other season captivates the imagination in quite the same way.

The beauty of Christmas also touches the heart. For Christmas is all about love . . . the love of God for man . . . the love of man for God . . . the love of man for man.

*"Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down."*

*"Joy to the World! the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing!"*

At this Christmas Season we pray that Christ may be in your heart and in your living. May your Christmas be joyful and your New Year blessed by God.

Guy L. Colbert
W. Raymond Berry
Diane Nelson

Annie R. Campbell
Wilmer L. McCord
James H. Lightbourne Jr.
W. J. Strickland

People . . .

Fredonia Church Dedicates New Hammond Organ

Fredonia Congregational Church has a new Hammond organ. It was a gift of Miss Janie Bush, given to the church in honor of her sister, Miss Julia Bush.

The organ was dedicated Sunday morning, Sept. 27, 1959, at the 11:00 o'clock worship hour, with a very impressive service. The presentation was made to the church by Ray Sykes, chairman of the Board of Trustees. The organ was accepted for the church by the pastor, the Rev. Sam D. Nelson. Miss Virginia Minor of the Cable Piano Company was present Sunday to play the organ.

A plaque with the following engraving has been placed on the organ: "To the Glory of God and in Honor of Miss Julia Bush, musician for many years at Fredonia Congregational Church.

Given by her sister, Miss Janie Bush, September 3, 1959."

Miss Janie Bush and Miss Julia Bush have meant much to Fredonia Church and Redbone Community, where they made their home until they moved to Barnesville a few years ago.

Miss Julia Bush was pianist at the church for a long number of years, is still teaching a class in Sunday School, and has been president of the Church Missionary Society. She was active in civic organizations, serving as president of the Woman's Club for two terms. She had a book of original poems printed.

Miss Janie Bush was a school teacher for fifty years and was away from home during the school year, but was quite active in church and civic activities during her vacation, when she was not on extended trips to various places. She made a trip to Europe one summer. She is teaching a Sunday School class.

Misses Janie and Julia Bush are now honorary deaconesses in the church.

The Congregational Christian Home for Children at Elon College, N. C., provides a home for 75 children. This fine institution is supported in part by gifts from Congregational Christian churches and church people. Contributions may be sent to Dr. John G. Truitt, Superintendent, Congregational

Churches . . .

East Tallassee Observes Family Night Celebration

Family Night at the East Tallassee Congregational Christian Church was a great success, with each family bringing left-overs from the Thanksgiving dinner.

For entertainment each Sunday School class was asked to present a skit or stunt. Mrs. Charles Messer, with about 20 children made up from the Cradle Roll, Beginners and Kindergarten, pretended to be buying shoes from the store keeper (a member of the adult "Men's Class"), Mr. Churchel Ledbetter. The store keeper was busy for some time with the children, when the "mother" said she only wanted their sizes.

Junior High Class presented "Queen for Day", reversing the males as "queens". Mrs. Churchel Ledbetter is their teacher.

The young people gave a new version of "The Night Before Christmas." The Young Couples Club gave "The Sweet Young Thing Paying Rent." The Junior P. F. sang some of the Actions songs and the Senior P. F. presented a play, narrated by Mrs. Marrell Rhodes. The hero finally won the hand of the lovely girl, and the "hand" turned out to be a glove.

The Adult Woman's Class was represented by Mrs. Murray Baker and Mrs. Arthur Scroggins, who presented "Liberace and His Brother George", with the piano and violin.

The Juniors presented the "Drinking Water," then covered the group with rice.

This was one of the best family nights the church has had, with about every family represented. One entire family, with five children at home and four who now live away from home, was present. The Harvey Pembertons were all present, grandchildren and all.

Rev. Carl Landes, who has served as Interim Pastor for the past year, brought the Thanksgiving message. Mrs. Jettie Logan served as chairman of the Family Night.

Christian Home for Children, Elon College, N. C.

Events . . .

Churchmen's Fellowship Holds Annual Meeting

The Churchmen's Fellowship of East Alabama-West Georgia held its annual November meeting at the East Tallassee Congregational Christian Church with sixty members present. President Willie McGill presided. The convocation was given by Mr. W. Pressley Ingram, president of the Churchmen's Fellowship of the Southeast Convention. After group singing, the Women's Fellowship served the men with a delicious turkey plate.

Mr. Felix Logan introduced the speaker, the Rev. Charles Langston, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Tallassee.

Dr. Walter A. Graham, president of Southern Union College, installed the new officers: G. F. Logan, Tallassee, Ala., president; Alton Davis, Langdale, Ala., vice-president; and Bobby Jack Pemberton, East Tallassee, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Logan is manager of the Skinner Furniture Store, Tallassee. He has served as president of the Lions Club, Master of the Masonic Lodge, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and for the past 12 years has been District Lecturer of the Masonic Lodge. He is a deacon of the East Tallassee Congregational Christian Church, and has been president of the Churchmen's Fellowship. He has been vice-president of the East Alabama-West Georgia Churchmen for the past two years. Mr. Logan has pledged his support in every way to the Churchmen's Fellowship. His wife, the former Jettie Barker, is active in the work of the East Tallassee Church and of the Southeast Convention.

Alton Davis is active in the work of the Langdale Congregational Christian Church and in the Churchmen's Fellowship of the Association.

Bobby Jack Pemberton is moderator of the East Tallassee Church, president of the Churchmen's Fellowship, and superintendent of the Sunday School. He is an instructor at the Tuskegee High School.

After singing the hymn, "Rise Up, O Men of God," the meeting adjourned.

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Langdale Church Reports Many Varied Activities

National Laymen's Day was observed at our church again this year. Mr. Leon Lee preached the sermon. Mr. Gene Brooks led the service of worship with a full Men's Choir.

A Union Thanksgiving Eve service was held at the Langdale Methodist Church. There were over 300 present for the service. Mr. Carroll W. Lewis gave the message and a large choir made up of people from all the churches in Langdale, sang "Thanksgiving to the Lord."

Several of our men attended the East Alabama-West Georgia Men's Rally in East Tallassee the last Sunday night in November. Alton Davis, from our church, was elected vice-president.

We were very happy to have our Superintendent, the Rev. James H. Lightbourne Jr., with us for both services on December 6. The Valley High Glee Club sang three numbers in the evening service.

The choir enjoyed a Christmas banquet at Whitley's in West Point on December 5. Our choir does a wonderful job, and it is deeply appreciated by the entire church.

The basement of our church has been completely remodeled. We now have enlarged Sunday School rooms, a dining area, etc. A church banquet and dedication service is planned in the near future.

The Chattahoochee Valley PF Rally was held at our church Sunday evening, November 29. There were 130 present for the service. Special songs were given by each visiting group and our own PF.

We are glad that our own Bernice Spivey has been called to the Bethel, Ashland, Church as pastor. Johnny Wilder continues at the Forest Home Church and Winfred Walters at Bethel, West Point. We are thankful for the men who have gone from our church to serve in His vineyard.

Special Christmas services are planned for the next few weeks. The choirs will present a special concert on Sunday evening, December 20.

World Day Of Prayer Thanksgiving Held

The Fredonia Missionary Society, in joint meeting with the Prospect W. S. C. S., observed "World Day of Prayer and Thanksgiving" on Wednesday, November 11, at Fredonia Church, Barnesville, Ga. The meeting began at 11 o'clock.

Prospect, with Mrs. Billy Smith as leader, was in charge of the morning program.

Mrs. Everett Bankston, president of the Fredonia Missionary Society, called the meeting to order and extended a hearty welcome to all. The meeting opened with a song, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Following prayer, led by the Rev. Sam D. Nelson Jr., pastor of Fredonia Church, the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Smith, who brought a most inspiring program on "Prayer", which was given as follows:

Call to Worship: Mrs. Billy Smith
What Is Prayer?: Mrs. Milton Smith
Prayer: Miss Julia Sappington
Home and Foreign Missions: Mrs. Grant Hinshaw
Organ Music: Mrs. J. R. Roberts
Reading — "In the Secret of His Presence": Mrs. Wilburn Sappington
Song: "Wonderful Words of Life"
Prayer: Mrs. Wilburn Sappington
Lunch was served at the noon hour in the annex.

The afternoon meeting was in the charge of Fredonia, with Miss Janie Bush as leader. She brought a very impressive program, which was presented as follows:

Doxology
Scripture: (from Psalms 92, 103, 137)
Prayer: Miss Janie Bush
Reading — "Gratitude": Mrs. Alfred Bush
Song — "Count Your Blessings"
Poem — "Thanksgiving" (original): Miss Julia Bush
Song: "Revive Us Again"
Reading: "Thankful That We Are Americans", and Prayer: Mrs. Fred Bush
Song: "Blest Be the Tie"
Adjournment

Ada Bush, Secretary

HERE AND THERE

The third registration received for the August 25-27, 1960 St. Louis Convention of the United Church Churchmen's Fellowship was that of W. Pressley Ingram, President of the S. E. Convention Churchmen's Fellowship.

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Pilgrim Congregational Church, Chattanooga, celebrated the 45th anniversary of its congregation on Sunday, Dec. 6. Dr. Paul R. Reynolds was the guest speaker for the occasion. Charter members still living to whom tribute was paid included: Miss Gertrude Ball, Mrs. Winifred Brown, Mrs. Archie Day, Mrs. J. M. Gager Sr., Mrs. R. E. Houston, Miss Jessie Lawton, Mrs. S. Blair Matthews, Mr. Louis M. Mullinex, Miss Anna Grace Roberts, Mrs. Paul Shepherd Sr., and Mr. Robert Sparks Walker.

This also marked the 15th anniversary of the ministry of Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Slater at the church.

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Pilgrim Congregational Church, Birmingham, is now worshipping in its new church building. The church recently conducted a special financial campaign for its Building Fund, under the direction of Dr. Curtis R. Schumacher, Director of the Church Finance Advisory Service. The goal of \$110,000 has already been exceeded and not all of the pledges have been received.

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The December 8th issue of "Look" magazine featured an article on "Congregationalism". Did you read it?

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Mr. G. Wilbur Stowe and Mr. Bion T. Rockwell, Congregational Christian students at the Vanderbilt Divinity School, conducted the services at Brookmeade United Church, Nashville, on Sunday, November 29.

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A Churchmen's Fellowship Retreat for the laymen and ministers of the Southeast Convention will be held May 27-29, 1960. Keep these dates in mind and plan to be present!

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During the past month both the Christian Education Committee and the Budget Committee of the Convention met at the Convention Office in Atlanta.

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Superintendent's Corner

Many of our churches already have made plans to receive a special offering for "The Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross" sometime during the month of December.

I hope that the churches that have not made such plans will give the plan some thought. The "Christmas Fund" has meant much to many of the retired ministers and their widows of the Southeast Convention and across the nation.

The Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross was started over fifty years ago to help meet the special needs of our aged ministers and their widows at Christmas time and throughout the year. Such emergencies include hospital bills, new glasses or teeth, or the burial of a loved one. Insidious inflation is making their problem all the more tragic. Yet they are brave, patient and uncomplaining.

We, of the Southeast Convention, will want to do our share in order that the Christmas Fund will be large enough to make generous grants at Christmas and to meet special needs throughout the year. Let us support "The Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross" in our churches.

Rev. Almeda C. Vickery, Curriculum Consultant of the Division of Christian Education, held a series of highly successful meetings throughout the Convention the first part of December.

Church Vocations Conference Scheduled At Southern Union

The Southeast Convention will hold a Church Vocations Conference on the campus of Southern Union College on December 29-30.

The convocation is designed for young people of high school age who have evidenced interest in entering full-time Christian work. The program will inform them of the various kinds of opportunities open to them.

Included on the program will be Rev. Ernest J. Arnold of the Protestant Radio and TV Center in Atlanta; Dr. and Mrs. Paul R. Reynolds of Pleasant Hill, Tenn.; Mrs. W. Raymond Berry, LaGrange; Rev. Samuel M. Penn, Roanoke; Rev. and Mrs. Clarence W. Baldwin, Birmingham; Rev. John D. Schofield, Lanett; Rev. Carl Landes, Southern Union; Dr. Walter A. Graham, Southern Union; Rev. Annie R. Campbell and Rev. J. H. Lightbourne Jr. of the Convention staff.

Young people participating on the program will be Lindianne Roberson, Melissa Kelley, Peggy Hammock, Mary Emma Thompson, Patsey Yancey, and Ann Turner.

The conference will begin with registration at 11 a. m. on Tuesday, the 29th, and will close following lunch on Wednesday, the 30th.

Attention, Church Clerks!!!

The annual Year Book report forms for the churches have been mailed to the church clerks. If you have not received the forms for your church, please write to the Convention office immediately.

It is important that these forms be completed and returned to the Convention office by January 10, 1960.

The figures reported on this form are the ones that should be in the Year Book of Congregational Christian Churches. Each church will want its current figures reported.

The pastors are encouraged to help their church clerks in the completion of these reports.

The Southeast Convention Committee on the Ministry and the Churches met at Southern Union College on Wednesday, Nov. 18. Plans were made for the Spring Ministers Convocation May 3-5.

HERE AND THERE

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Most of the churches of the Convention have received their Christian Higher Education Fund quotas and the "Declaration of Intention" forms. The churches are urged to complete the "Intention" forms and send two copies to the Convention office.

Beginning with the January issue of THE SOUTHEAST NEWS the list of churches returning their forms will be published.

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SOUTHERN MINISTERS PRE-LENTEN CONFERENCE

The first Pre-Lenten Convocation for the Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed Ministers throughout the south will be held February 16-18 at Franklinton Center, Bricks, N. C.

Dr. Robert V. Moss Jr., president of Lancaster Theological Seminary, and Dr. Arthur D. Gray, president of Talladega College, are the guest speakers. Superintendent James H. Lightbourne Jr. will be the Chaplain.

We look for a strong delegation from the Southeast Convention to attend.

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MINISTERIAL CHANGES

Rev. Warner D. Noles has tendered his resignation to the Dorcas Church, Crestview, Florida, and has accepted a call to the First Congregational Christian Church, Phenix City, Alabama.

Rev. Robert Shelton has resigned as minister of Union Grove Church, Haleyville, Ala., to accept the call to the Huguley Congregational Christian Church, Lanett, Alabama.

Rev. Bernice Spivey, a member of the Langdale Congregational Christian Church, has accepted a call to the Bethel Congregational Christian Church, Ashland, Alabama.

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Central Congregational Church, Atlanta, held a highly successful International Bazaar on Friday, Nov. 13. Receipts totaled more than \$1,000.

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Hunt CC Church, Alexander City, held a "Harvest Day for Southern Union" and collected 120 pounds of sugar. How about your church?

TOURS WITH A PURPOSE IN 1960

PUERTO RICO — January 4-15; sponsored by the Board of Home Missions. Method of travel: by air, Idlewild to San Juan. Cost: \$225.00, New York and return. Party of 15. Correspondent: Dr. Walter C. Giersbach, 287 4th Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

WASHINGTON SEMINARS — February 16-19, April 26-28. Sponsored by the Council for Christian Social Action. Cost: \$25.00 to \$45.00. Correspondent: Miss Fern Babcock, 289 Fourth Ave., New York, N. Y.

SOUTHERN TOUR — MIDWEST SECTION — April 28 - May 7. Sponsored by the Mission Council. Method of Travel: by air conditioned bus. Cost: \$165.00 - \$175.00 Chicago and return. Party of 22. Correspondent: Rev. James E. Waery, 19 South LaSalle Street, Chicago 3, Illinois.

SOUTHWEST STUDY TOUR — April 25 - May 8. Sponsored by Dr. Charles F. Parker. Cost: \$207.50. Correspondent: Dr. Charles F. Parker, Box 904, Prescott, Arizona.

CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA — June 15 - August 9. Sponsored by the Department of Missionary Education, Evangelical and Reformed Church. Cost: \$695.00. Correspondent: Mr. Stanley H. Wilke, 1720 Choteau Avenue, St. Louis 4, Missouri.

WORLD SEMINAR — June 22-August 23. Sponsored by the Council for Christian Social Action. Cost: \$2,900.00. Correspondent: Dr. Ray Gibbons, 289 Fourth Avenue, New York 10.

MEXICAN SEMINAR — August 3-22. Sponsored by the Council for Christian Social Action. Cost: \$295.00 Mexico City and return. Correspondent: Dr. Hubert F. Klemme, 2929 West 25th St., Cleveland 13, Ohio.

HAWAIIAN SEMINAR — June 22-July 7. Sponsored by the Council for Christian Social Action. Cost: \$690.00 San Francisco and return. Correspondent: Rev. Galen R. Weaver, 287 Park Ave., South, New York 10, N. Y.

NEAR EAST (Tentative) — Sponsored by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. Cost: Not determined. Nine in party required. Correspondent: Dr. Margaret R. Blemker, 14 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Mass.

UNITED STUDENT FELLOWSHIP EUROPEAN SEMINAR — July 3-September 1. Sponsored by United Student Fellowship. Cost: \$1,070.00. Correspondent: Rev. Hartland H. Helmich, 1720 Choteau Ave., St. Louis 4, Missouri.

New Alice M. Huggins Book Recommended To Churches

At a time when it is easy for Americans to hate Chinese, we'd like to recommend a recent book by Alice Margaret Huggins (who will be remembered as our Association and Conference speaker in 1957) and Dr. Hugh Robinson, "Wan-Fu: Ten Thousand Happiness."

It is the story of a Chinese beggar girl who found something better through a mission hospital. The characters remind us that Chinese are people, too, and many of them would be good friends of ours if only circumstances were different. This is true also of the characters in Miss Huggins' earlier book, "The Red Chair Waits," a love story of a young school teacher.

Either book can be purchased from Pilgrim Press, 14 Beacon St., Boston 8, Mass., for \$2.75.

Superintendent's Schedule

December 13 — Ordination Service for James T. McAdams, Center Church, Atlanta

December 16 — Corbin, Kentucky

December 29-30 — Church Vocations Conference, Southern Union College

January 3 — Ordination Service for Floyd Carmack, Pleasant Grove Church, LaFayette, Ala.

The Fall Ministers Convocation was held at Southern Union College on November 17-19. Rev. W. Raymond Berry taught the course on New Testament and Supt. J. H. Lightbourne Jr. taught the course on Christian Doctrine.

Alabama Council Of Churches Workshop Convention Planned

The Sponsoring Committee of the Proposed Alabama Council of Churches is planning a Workshop Convention to be held at Tuskegee Institute, Friday, January 22, 1960. The denominations interested in the Council will be represented at the meeting. It is expected the CC Associations in Alabama will be represented. Prof. Carl J. Landes is a member of the Sponsoring Committee.

American Bible Society Appoints Dr. H. S. Leiper

NEW YORK. — The American Bible Society has announced the appointment of the Rev. Henry Smith Leiper as a special secretary to advise the society in its missionary service to the Congregational Christian Churches, of which he is an ordained minister.

Dr. Leiper retired this year as minister and executive secretary of his denomination's Missions Council, which he served from 1952 to this year. He is presently serving as director of the department of religion for the Chautauqua Institution and will continue there in addition to his new post with the society.

The American Bible Society translates, publishes and distributes the Scriptures without note or comment. It is the most widely supported Protestant interdenominational agency in the country.

Dr. Leiper was previously the associate general secretary of the World Council of Churches, general secretary of the Council's American office, and foreign secretary of the Federal Council of Churches.

He is a trustee of the American College, Madura, India, and a member of the Board of Vellore Christian Medical College, India.

He has preached at St. Paul's Cathedral and other famous churches in England, Australia, New Zealand, and Scotland.

Dr. Leiper was engaged in relief work in Siberia in 1918 and with the China International Famine Relief Commission in 1918-22. After World War II he was a leader of the Interdenominational Overseas Relief program of the Protestant churches and a founder of the churches' work for refugees. At the request of the Indian government, he studied famine conditions in that country. He was one of the two originators of the widely observed World Communion Sunday.

Dates To Remember

December 29-30: Church Vocations Conference, Southern Union College

February 16-18: Southern Ministers Pre-Lenten Conference

March 12-13: S. E. Convention Pilgrim Fellowship Annual Meeting

April 2-3: Southeast Convention Annual Meeting

Woman Doctor Of The Cumberlands Quietly Passes On To Larger Life

Dr. May Cravath Wharton, for many years known affectionately as the "Woman Doctor of the Cumberlands", passed away on Thursday, November 19, in her home at the age of 86.

Dr. Wharton is well known throughout the Southeast Convention and the Congregational Christian Fellowship because of her identification with "Uplands" at Pleasant Hill, Tenn.

Born in Winona, Minnesota, of Bishop and Elizabeth Williams Cravath, Dr. Wharton came to Pleasant Hill in 1917. Her husband, Rev. Edwin Wharton, was the principal of the A. M. A. Pleasant Hill Academy.

Within a few years her husband died and thus began a new career for Dr. Wharton. She determined to remain in Pleasant Hill and practice medicine on the Cumberland Plateau where a doctor was so sorely needed.

She, along with Miss Elizabeth Fletcher and Miss Alice Adshead, joined forces and began "Uplands Hospital". Eventually the Van Dyck Hospital for TB patients was added. In recent years the Cumberland Medical Center at Crossville was added.

Even more recently Dr. Wharton has been tremendously interested in the development of the May Cravath Wharton Nursing Home, which opened in 1957, and the development of a Retirement Village in Pleasant Hill.

Funeral services were conducted on Sunday afternoon, November 22, at the Pleasant Hill Community Church. Con-



DR. MAY WHARTON

ducting the services were Dr. Paul R. Reynolds, Minister Emeritus of the church, and long her pastor, Rev. Frank R. Snively, minister of the church, and Dr. Robert M. Metcalfe of the Cumberland Clinic Foundation.

Through the years Dr. Wharton has made many generous gifts to institutions and projects in which she was interested. A recipient of many honors and honorary degrees, she will live on in the hearts of the people of the area and her works will continue to bear fruit in the years ahead.



MAY CRAVATH WHARTON NURSING HOME

Supt. W. T. Scott Resigns Southern Convention

The Reverend William T. Scott, D. D., Superintendent of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, tendered his resignation from that position to a meeting of the Executive Board on November 17, 1959.

Dr. Scott has been called to be minister of the Oakland Congregational Christian Church, Chuckatuck, Va., which position he will assume March 1, 1960.

The Southern Convention elected Dr. Scott its Superintendent during its biennial sessions April 30-May 2, 1946, at Waverly, Va.

The Southern Convention is composed of 207 churches, having a total membership of 36,666. During the year 1958 the churches contributed a total to O. C. W. M. of \$219,472.00.

Both Elon College and the Congregational Christian Home for Children are owned by the Southern Convention.

Dr. Scott is well known throughout the southeast, both because of his long service in the southern area and because for several years he served as superintendent in Georgia and Florida.

At the time he was elected superintendent of the Southern Convention he was serving the Congregational Christian Church in Franklin, Va.

Dr. Scott told the Executive Board, "I have loved my work with the Convention, and it has been a troubled decision I have had to face during the past month. The Superintendency of the Southern Convention, with its varied and important functions, I regard as a high honor and a sacred trust . . . However, decisions must be made, and after much prayer, reflection, and travail of soul, I have concluded it is God's will and my leading that I should accept the call from the Oakland Church to become its minister."

Dr. and Mrs. Scott have three children: William T Jr., who is the minister of the First Congregational Christian Church, Durham, N. C.; Mrs. James A. Luke of Richmond, Va.; and James, who makes his home with his parents,